

FAMOUS LAST WORDS
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I. FIRST, NOTICE THE APPEAL OF JESUS' PRAYER.

- A. Jesus appealed to His Father—"Father forgive them".
 - 1. The tense of this Greek word "forgive" expresses continuous action
 - 2. Notice what Jesus wasn't praying from the cross.
- B. The word "forgive" is a banking term.
- C. It refers to canceling or pardoning a debt or loan.

II. SECOND, NOTICE THE ARGUMENT OF JESUS' PRAYER.

- A. Jesus' argument is that they are ignorant of what they are doing.
- B. This is an unusual argument Jesus makes on behalf of sinners—Romans 3:23.

III. THIRD, NOTICE THE ANSWER OF JESUS' PRAYER.

- A. The answer to Jesus' prayer was the Cross.
- B. The Apostle John wrote about the cross being sin's answer—1 John 2:1-2.

IV. LESSONS FOR US ABOUT FORGIVING OTHERS.

- A. Forgiveness doesn't mean we forget what was done to us.
- B. Forgiveness isn't reconciliation because that takes two.
- C. Forgiveness isn't condoning what was done to us.
- D. Forgiveness doesn't erase the consequences of someone's actions.